

MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
MADISON ROOM, HOLIDAY INN GRAND MONTANA
5500 Midland Road, Billings MT
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
MAY 14, 2013

1. Call To Order - Establish Quorum - Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present (00:00:09)

Members Present: Dr. Jim Upchurch, Chair
Mr. Ryan Burke
Dr. Anne Williams
Dr. Dan Lewis
Dr. Greg Moore
Dr. Jim Majxner
Dr. Richard Briles

Members Absent: Mr. Dwight Thompson

Staff Present: Mr. Ian Marquand, Executive Officer
Mr. Ken Threet, EMT Trainer Coordinator
Dr. Harry Sibold, State Medical Director
Ms. Tiffany Huss, Administrative Specialist

Guests: Mr. Ron Solberg
Ms. Shari Graham
Mr. Jim DeTienne
Mr. John Pisk

2. Approval and Tentative Modification of Agenda Order (00:01:22)

a. May 14, 2013 Agenda

Motion: Dr. Greg Moore made a motion to tentatively approve the agenda. Dr. Jim Majxner seconded the motion. Motion carried **(00:01:31)**

3. Review and Approve Minutes (00:02:37)

a. April 10, 2012 Minutes

Motion: Mr. Ryan Burke made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections. Dr. Greg Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried **(00:03:25)**

4. Public Opportunity to Comment (00:03:46)

No public comments.

5. Board Action (00:04:36)

a. Review and Revise Core State Protocols (00:04:41)

Initial draft revisions accomplished.

b. Determine endorsement levels and content (05:35:14)

Initial draft revisions accomplished.

- c. Advanced EMT Endorsement (do we need something between the AEMT and paramedic?)
(06:09:24)

Consensus was no level between AEMT and Paramedic.

- d. Response to Respiratory Care Board letter re: EMTs and mechanical ventilation (06:30:41)

MOTION: Dr. Jim Majxner made a motion that within the scope of practice and training of a paramedic with critical care transport endorsement, they are qualified to care for patients on ventilator transport and that assistance with identifying those practicing without that endorsement would be appreciated. Dr. Dan Lewis seconded the motion. Motion carried (06:43:38)

- e. Response to Missoula EMD letter (06:47:00)

MOTION: Dr. Dan Lewis made a motion that EMD (and their pre-arrival instruction) is not the practice of medicine and therefore is not under the supervision of the Board of Medical Examiners and that oversight should be sought from local EMS medical directors for local 911 centers. Dr. Jim Majxner seconded the motion. Motion carried (06:54:46)

- f. Response to EMS crossing state borders (see document) (07:14:55)

Discussion about Interstate Compact in development for this issue. No recommendation(s) suggested.

- g. Protocol for Tranexamic Acid (TXA) for Traumatic Hemorrhage (Big Horn County; potential addition to statewide protocols) (06:56:46)

MOTION: Dr. Jim Majxner made a motion to have the TXA treatment for traumatic hemorrhaging be added to the statewide EMT protocols for the paramedic level, effective as soon as possible. Dr. Anne Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried (06:58:50)

- h. EMT to Paramedic Transition Check-Sheet (06:27:42)

Reviewed, no changes suggested.

- i. I-99 to Paramedic: paramedic course submitted per usual channels with consideration for 1-99 education obtained previously; no bridge course to be developed (07:05:17)

MOTION: Dr. Anne Williams made a motion to not have a standard 18 hour bridge course and instead allow courses to be built by medical directors to suit their supervised licensees (that can take into account past experience), which would be submitted to the board for approval. Dr. Jim Majxner seconded the motion. Motion carried (07:07:17)

- j. I-99 disappears Jan 1, 2014; all current I-99 may transition to AEMT with I-99 endorsement **(07:11:00)**
- k. 2013 Rocky Mountain Rural Trauma Symposium—Sept. 12-13, Great Falls MT **(07:08:20)**

Consensus was to offer an EMS medical director panel Q&A session.

6. Adjourn (07:23:50)

Motion: Dr. Anne Williams made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Richard Briles seconded the motion. Motion carried **(07:23:52)**

Meeting Ended (07:24:16)